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In regard to the settlement between Microsoft Corporation and the Department of Justice: On the findings of the District Court and the Court of Appeal, the settlement is no more than a gift from the DOJ to Microsoft, giving it the right and power to continue its monopolistic and predatory practices in spite of the above- mentioned legal judgements. In fact, its monopoly power would be effectively increased by the failure to require anything which would restrict the ability of XP, Hailstorm, and Microsoft's other current releases to control the user's access to the Internet and the World Wide Web and prevent any other competing innovative products from obtaining a foothold. A radical modification of what appears to be a shameful collusion to allow Microsoft to continue business as usual in defiance of the legal judgements of the courts is imperative for the continuance of free development, innovation, and entrepreneurship in this country (and even to some extent in the developed world).

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